

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

**Claim 1** (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using application software, which is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation;

second calculation means for calculating a device charge for using an output device, which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

third calculation means for calculating an output a total charge of a data output process based on the calculated respective charges calculated by said first and second calculation means.

**Claim 2** (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 3** (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external output device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

**Claim 4 (Currently Amended):** A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a device charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network;

second calculation means for calculating a software charge for using application software used to use the device via the network; and

third calculation means for calculating a data processing charge of the device using the application software based on the calculated respective charges calculated by said first and second calculation means.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is stored in said charge calculation apparatus.

**Claim 6 (Original):** The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended):** A charge calculation method comprising:

a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using application software, which is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation;

a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using an output device, which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

a third calculation step of calculating an output a total charge of a data output process based on the calculated respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 8** (Previously presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 9** (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 7, wherein the external output device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

**Claim 10** (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

    a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network;

    a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using application software used to use the device via the network; and

    a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the device using the application software based on the calculated respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 11** (Original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is stored in a computer.

**Claim 12 (Original):** The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

**Claim 13 (Currently Amended):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using application software, which is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation;

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using an output device, which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating an output a total charge of a data output process based on the calculated respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 14 (Currently Amended):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network;

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using application software used to use the device via the network; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the device using the application software based on the calculated respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.